SUBJECT No. 80.

Granting receipts to applicants for *rajikabuli, rajinama*, etc.

Mr. T. Narasinga Rao, North Mysore Native Planters' Association.

Summary of discussion.—When an application is made for transfer of occupancy, etc., no receipt is at present given by the receiving officer. A rule may be made that such applicants should be given receipts so that they may be able to show that they had put in applications for *rajikabuli*, etc., if any necessity arises.

Reply of Government.—A receipt can be obtained by affixing a court fee stamp of one anna for an acknowledgment in accordance with Government Order No. R. 5647-48—L. R. 221-08-1, dated 1st February 1909.

SUBJECT No. 81.

Amendment of the Land Revenue Code so as to facilitate the recovery of rent from *shikmidars*.

Messrs. C. Vaman Rao and N. Subba Rao, Nagar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The holder of Government lands has not adequate facilities for the recovery of rent from *shikmidars*. Section 97 of the Land Revenue Code (pointed out in the reply of Government to Subject No. 10 of 1906) appears to apply to holders of *inam* villages and not to holders of Government lands. To lodge a complaint before the Deputy Commissioner or in a civil court means delay, and much expenditure. Before the matter is decided the *shikmidar* has the opportunity to remove the crops and transfer them to others. In the malnad the tenants generally come from Canara and by the time any process can be taken they are able to escape with the produce. As this mischief is on the increase daily the provisions of the Land Revenue Code on this point may be amended as follows:—

(1) The Taluk Amildars and the village *panchayet* courts to be established hereafter should be empowered to try cases regarding recovery of rent from *shikmidars*.

(2) The agreement for payment of rent, when the amount involved is less than Rs. 100 should be accepted as valid, whether registered or not.

(3) When the amount of rent does not exceed Rs. 50, the existence of the agreement, even if it is not in writing, may be allowed to be established either by evidence or the custom of the place, if any; and the complaint for the recovery of rent admitted by the abovementioned courts.

(4) When the rent due from the *shikmidar* falls into arrears, the *khatedar* should, at his option, be permitted to attach informally the crops, etc., or the land in the presence of the village patel and other *panchayetdars*.

The powers vested in the Deputy Commissioners to render assistance to superior holders for the recovery of rent due from inferior holders, have not been delegated